



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 1763
Joseph Hillman)	Examiner: Kackar, Ram
Serial No.: 10/639,077)	AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
Filed: August 11, 2003)	OFFICIAL ACTION DATED OCTOBER
For: ALIGNMENT MEANS FOR)	19, 2005
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments and claim amendments set forth fully below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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